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2/15/08 Elephant Seal Update

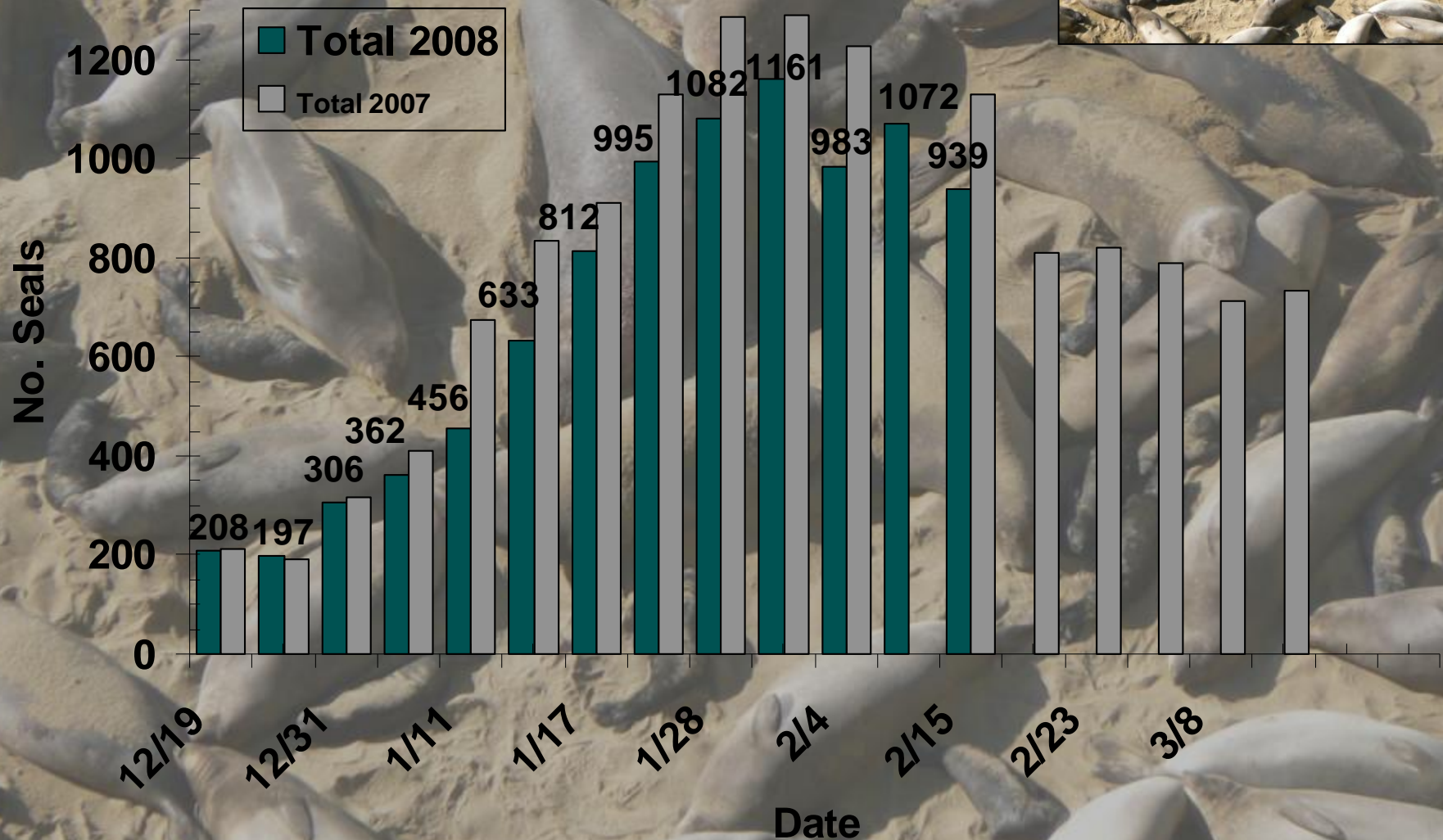
Elephant Seals in the Point Reyes Headlands now total 939 animals. Females, pups, and weaned pups compose 85% (799 of the 939 seals) of the animals on beach. Most females that remain in the headlands have advanced pups and will be departing in the next few weeks. Within the last 7 days, almost 200 females have left the beaches for the open ocean. Last year on March 1st, only 9 females remained on Drakes Beach. The number of weaned pups (aka weaners) below Elephant Seal Overlook has more than doubled in the last week. As of 2/15, a total of 110 weaners can be viewed from the overlook.

Of other interesting marine mammal news, a Steller Sea Lion was seen in the company of about 70 California Sea Lions at Sea Lion Overlook on Friday 2/15.

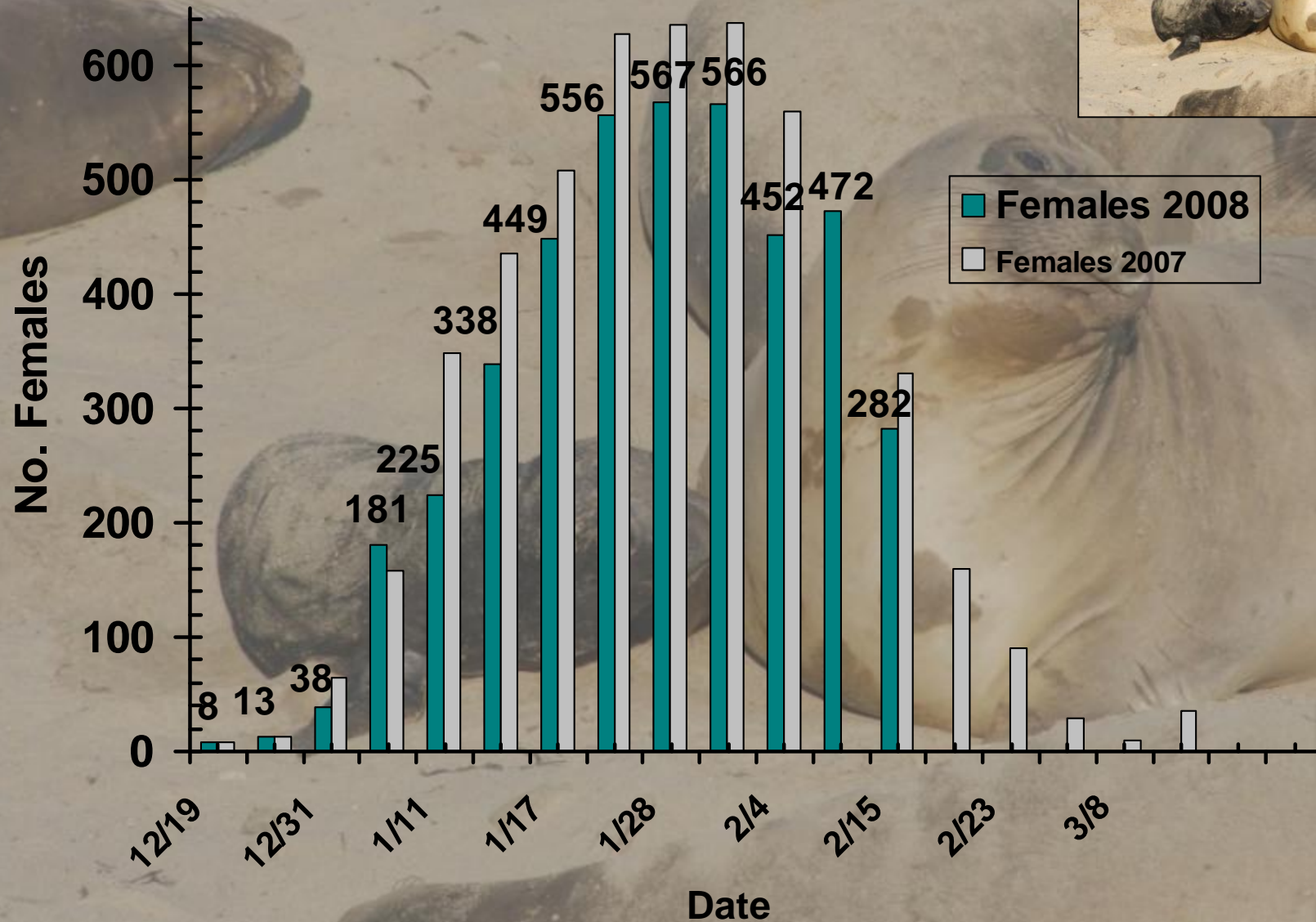
**Due to inclement weather in 2007 there is no number data to compare the 2/7/08 survey to on the charts.*

NORTHERN ELEPHANT SEALS at POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE

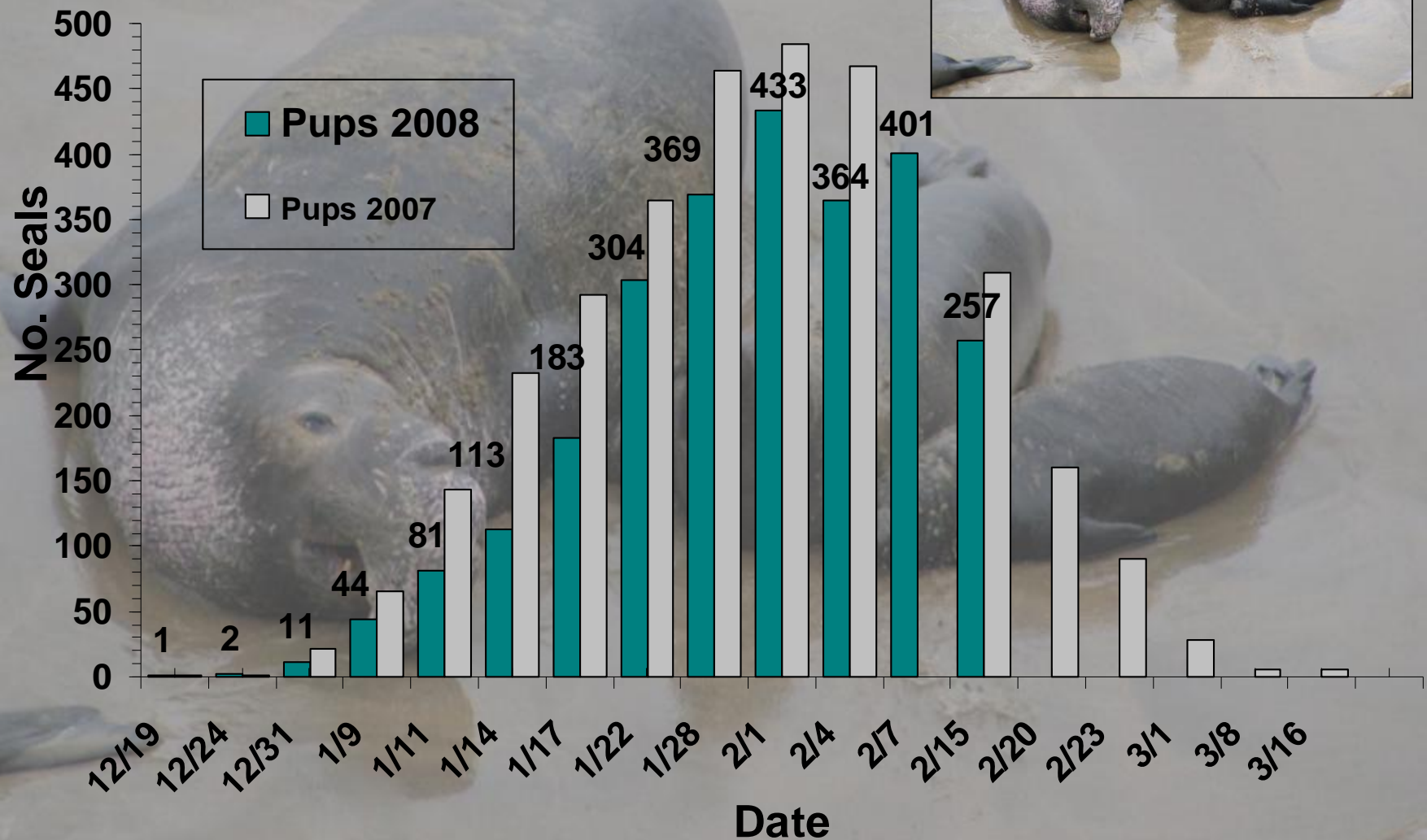
Total Seals Counts



NORTHERN ELEPHANT SEALS at POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE Female Counts

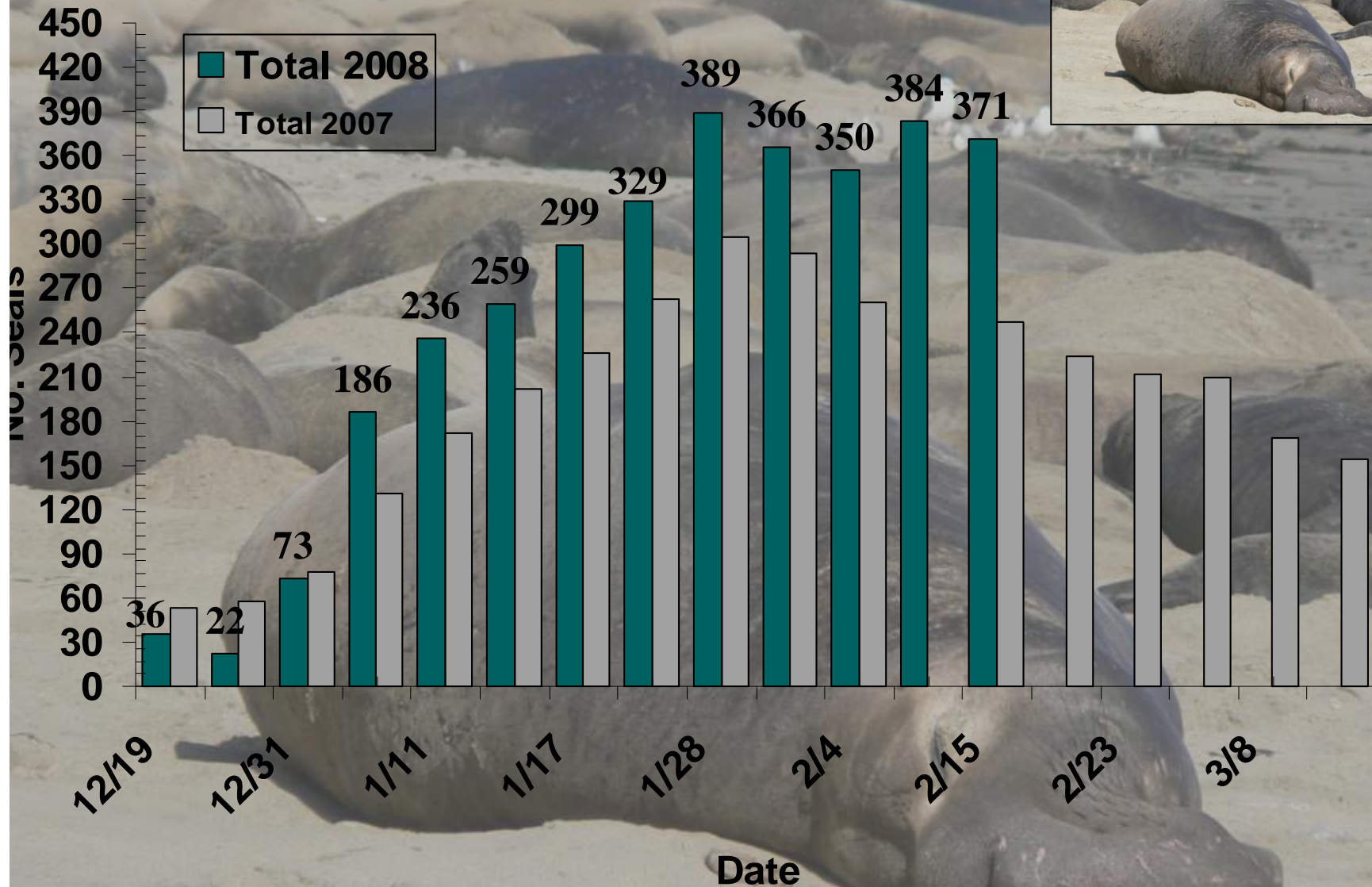


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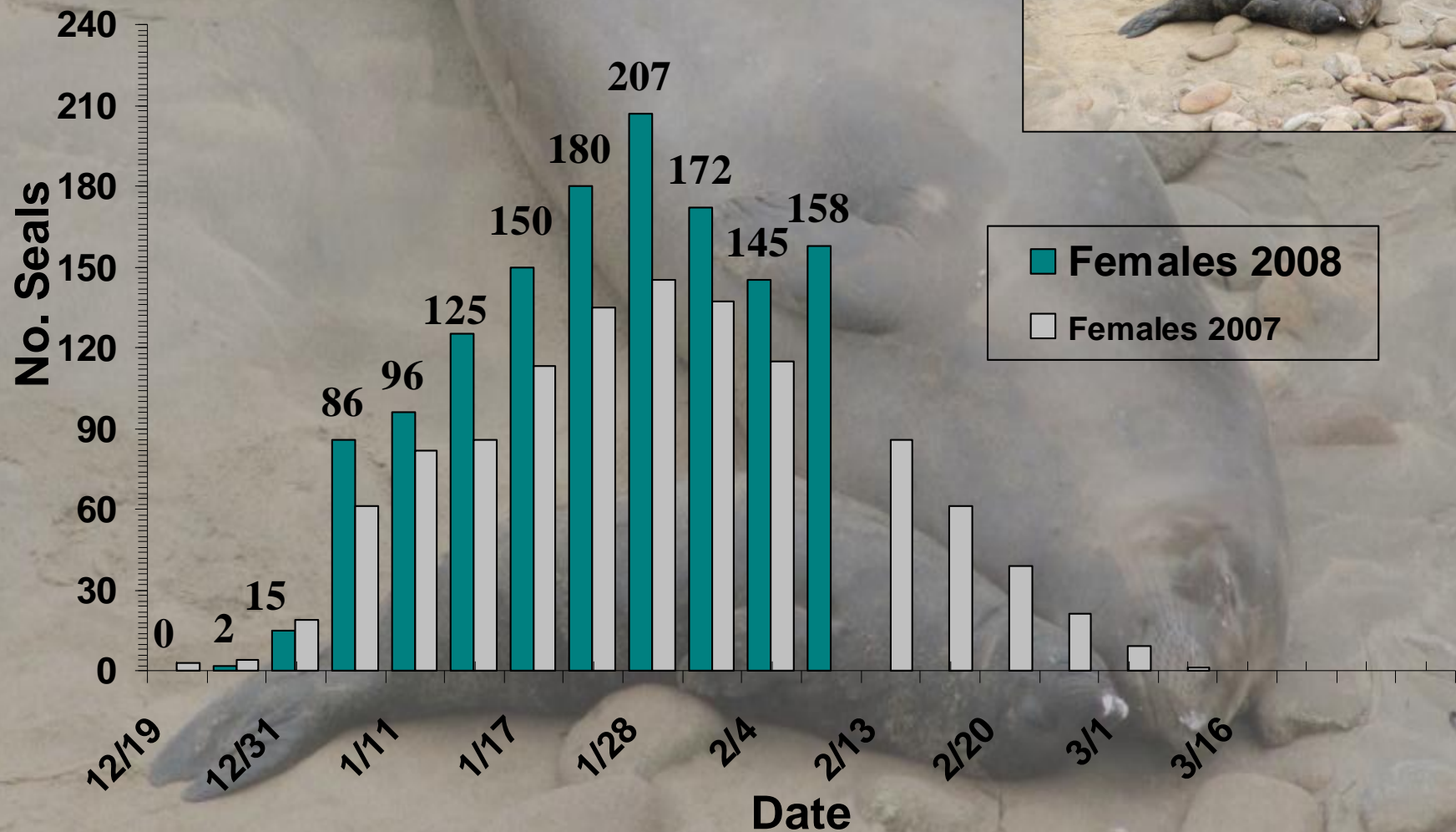


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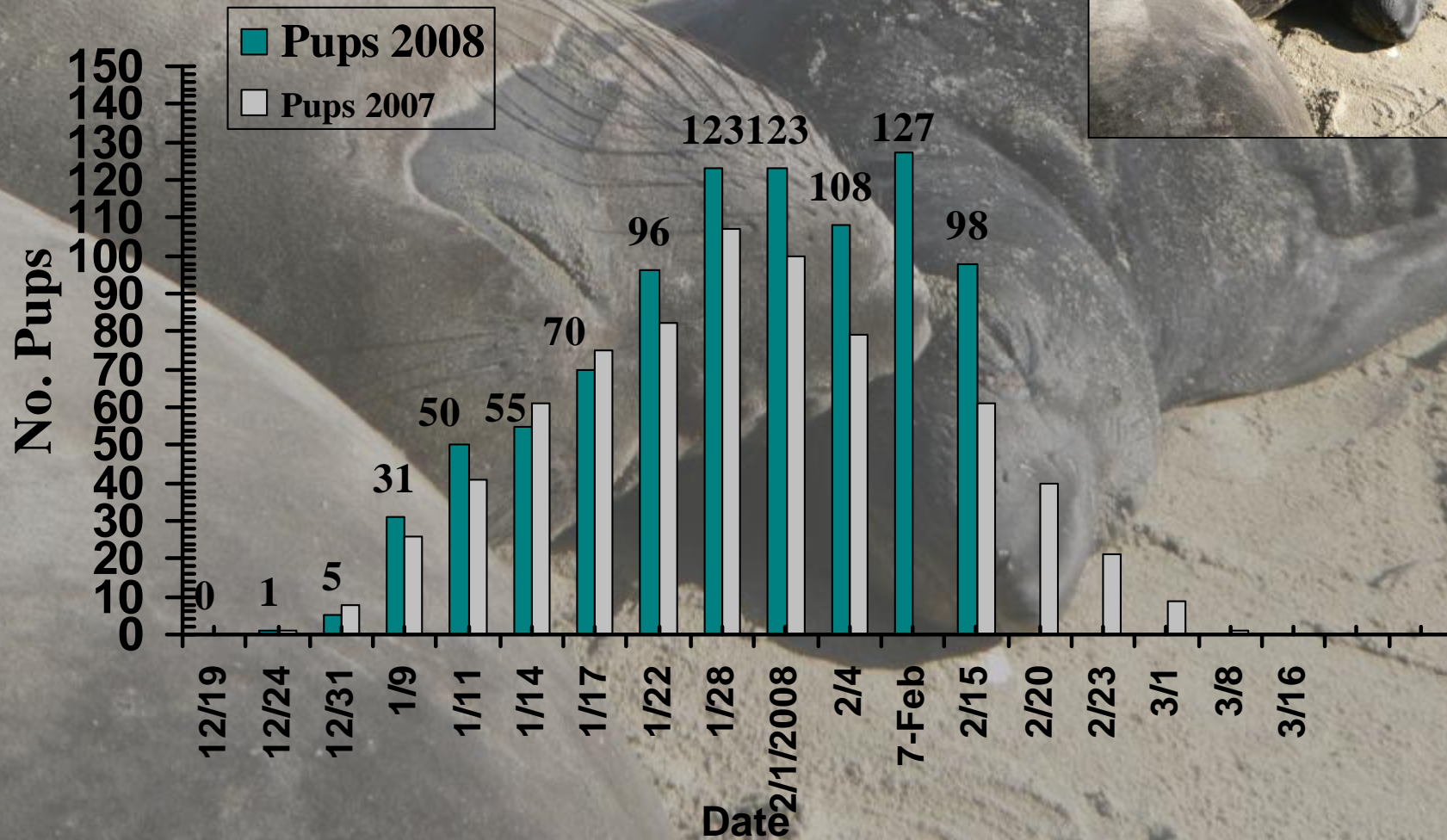
Total Seals at Drakes Beach



NORTHERN ELEPHANT SEALS at POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE Females at Drakes Beach

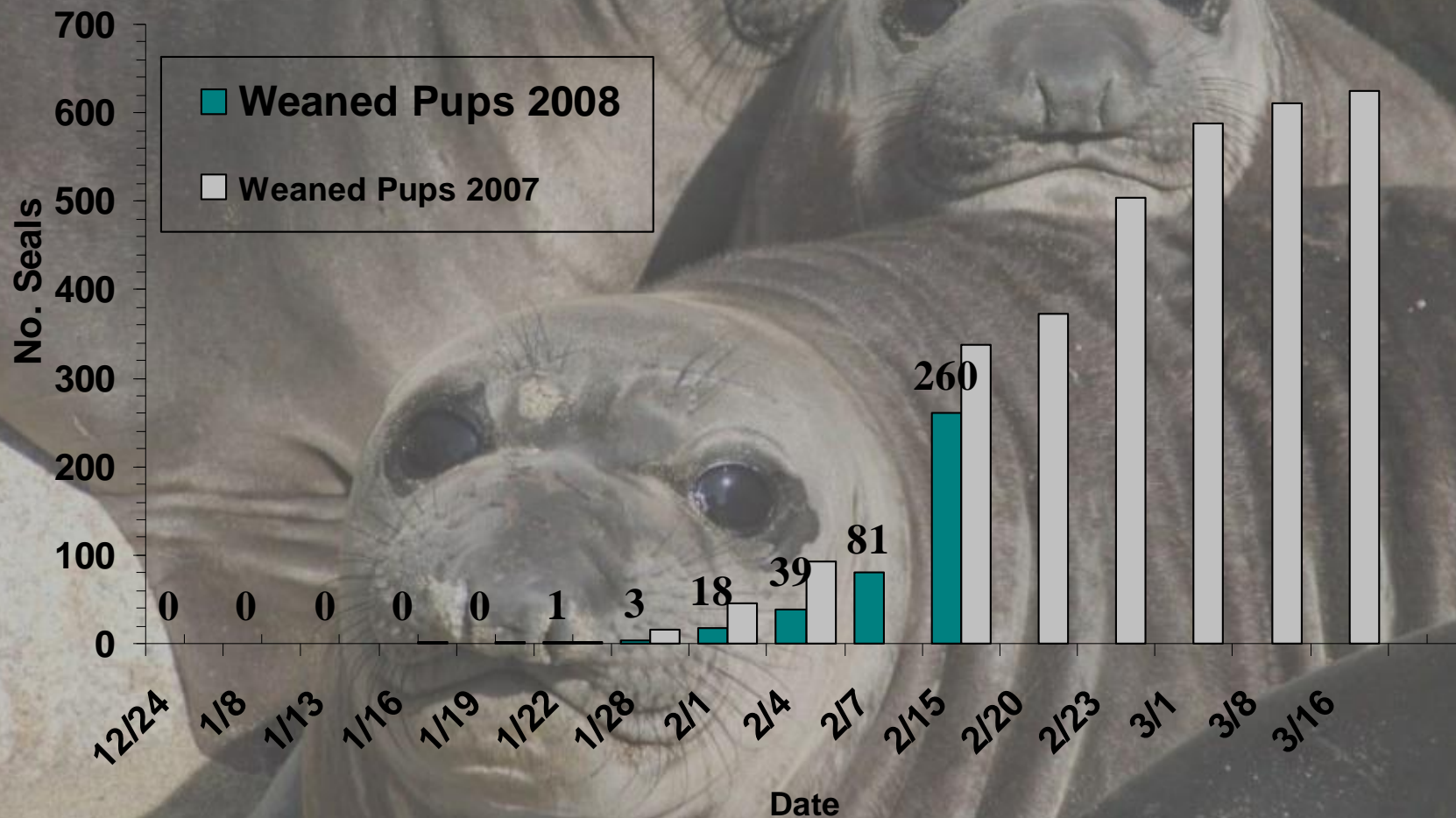


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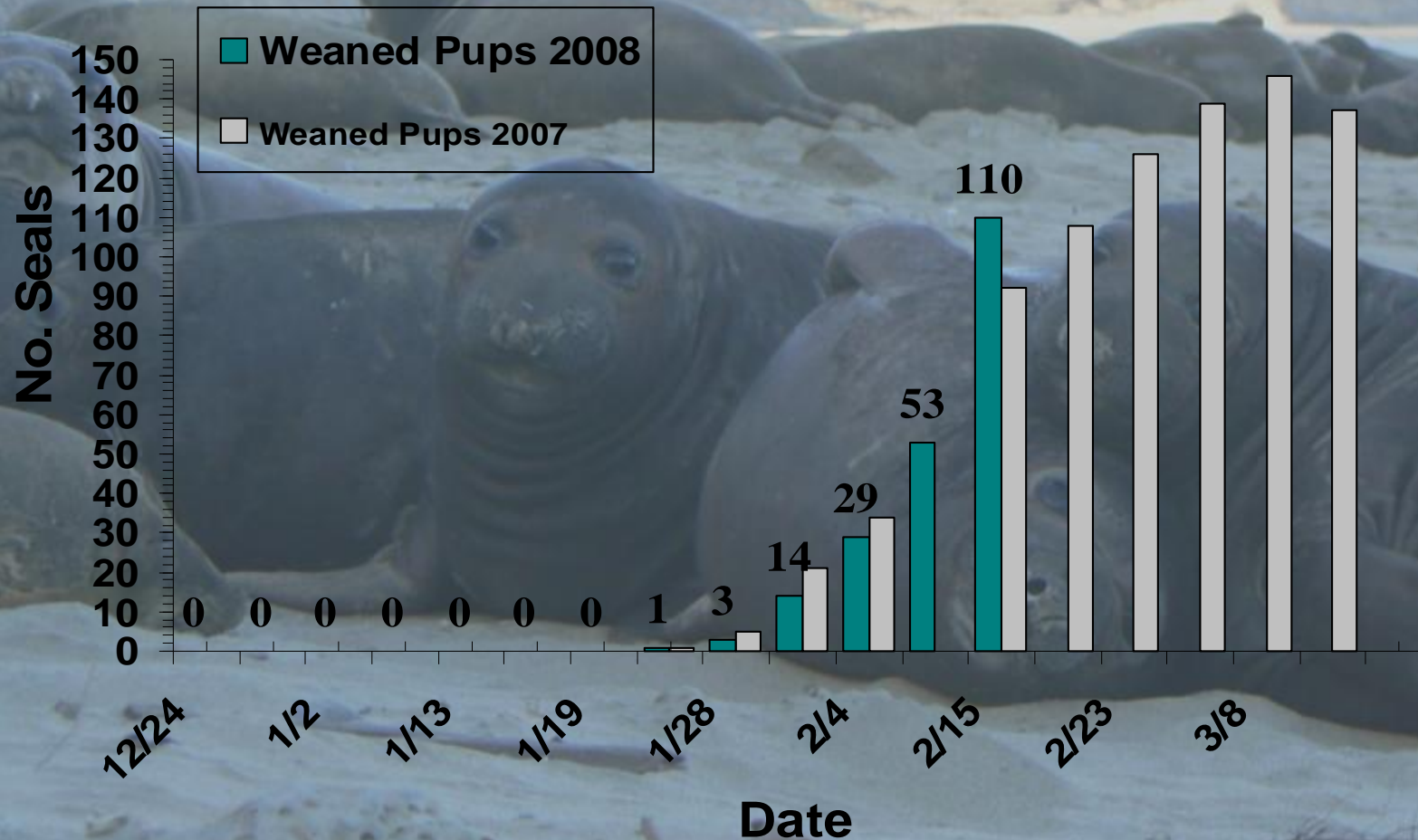


NORTHERN ELEPHANT SEALS at POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE

Weaned Pup Counts



NORTHERN ELEPHANT SEALS at POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE Weaned Pups at Drakes Beach



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